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Timely Tidbits ...

TRN Takes Annual Summer Break

Yep, it's that time again - time for the small but hard-working staff of "the little paper" to skip an issue and catch up on some R&R.

We'll see you again July 27.

Candidates File for Spot on Local Ballot

The following candidates for mayor, clerk, treasurer, or councilperson of the City of Romulus have secured a spot on this November's ballot by filing petitions with the Clerk's office on or before the June 19 deadline (asterisks denote an incumbent):

Mayor

- Alan R. Lambert
- William M. Oakley*

Clerk

- Linda R. Choate*

Treasurer

- Pamela Morrison-Kersey*

Councilperson (7 seats total)

- Barry Timothy Baumann
- LeRoy D. Burcroff*
- William A. Crova*
- Randolph Gear*
- Steven John Lewkowicz
- Charles Ronald Miller
- Donald R. Morris*
- Michael Anthony Prybyla*
- Wandra Vinelle Raspberry
- Deborah Ann Romak*
- William Wadsworth*
- Michael Leonard Wojtylko
- Christopher Alexander Walock

Parade, Fireworks Set for Nation's 225th

The City of Romulus will celebrate our country's 225th birthday with its annual Hometown Celebration, which begins with a parade on Tuesday, July 3, then continues on Wednesday, July 4, with a "community picnic" at Elmer Johnson Park. (See the advertisement on page 10 for details.)

Wrapping up the celebration will be a spectacular fireworks display made possible by generous donations from many area businesses. (See page 9 for a complete list of contributors.)

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House Bill Provides for Local Impact Fee from Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal Wells

Representatives Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and Raymond Basham (D-Taylor) were recently successful in amending House Bill 4626 (a proposal that would reestablish hazardous-waste fees to support the State's hazardous-waste program) to include a municipal impact fee for multisource commercial hazardous-waste disposal wells. The amendment would allow the City of Romulus to impose an impact fee of up to five cents per gallon on any hazardous waste disposed of in Environmental Disposal Systems' proposed injection wells.

"Although both Representative Basham and I remain staunchly opposed to the siting of this facility, should it become operational, this provision will offset some of the costs, especially for emergency response services, that will be imposed on the City of Romulus," said Patterson.

According to Patterson, the Patterson-Basham amendment mirrors an existing provision in State law for solid-waste landfills. Under the amendment, the revenue collected from the impact fee would go to the municipality to be used for any purpose that promotes public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the community. The money cannot, however, be used to bring or

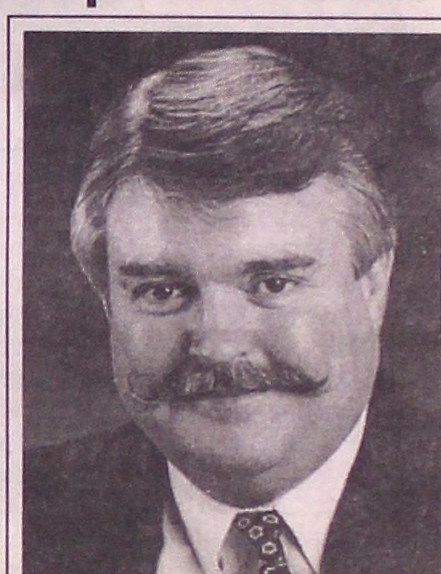
support a lawsuit or other legal action against the owner or operator of the multisource commercial hazardous-waste disposal wells.

"The prospect of a commercial hazardous-waste-disposal well in a community creates a myriad of new challenges regarding the readiness and delivery of emergency response services," said Basham. "The City of Romulus has estimated that Romulus's emergency response costs alone will be nearly \$1 million per year. And there are many other costs related to property values, investment decisions, road infrastructure, and the like that simply are not possible to quantify."

Although she questions Basham's apparent attempt to lay the need for emergency-response improvements solely on the shoulders of EDS, Romulus resident Nina Trump also looks forward to the possibility that the company will soon be supporting the City's public-safety budget.

"The risk posed by EDS is no worse than that posed by plenty of other companies now operating in Romulus," said Trump. "That risk is now addressed by a multi-community haz-mat [hazardous materials] team that has been specially trained to meet such emergencies."

"Certainly," she continued, "the EDS



Bruce Patterson

project will add to the City's haz-mat burden, just as any new business using toxic materials would. And I would definitely agree that Romulus has reached a point where there is enough potential for hazardous-waste accidents - with or without EDS - that it makes sense to begin training and equipping a few of its own personnel rather than relying solely on the multi-community task force. But to pretend that EDS is the single reason that the City needs to upgrade its emergency-response abilities is ridiculous.

"Yes," Trump concluded, "I believe that EDS should have to pay Romulus a little extra for the inconvenience that its operation could pose - but, then, so should every company that creates, uses, or disposes of toxic wastes here. What makes me angry is that the City would have been collecting money from EDS all along if it had not reneged on its original agreement with the company, which included a royalty payment of half a million dollars per year. Instead, it has thrown away any chance at such a royalty by filing one frivolous lawsuit after another."

House Bill 4626 was passed by the Michigan House of Representatives with the Patterson-Basham amendment by a vote of 80-25. The bill now goes to the Michigan Senate for consideration.

"We are both fully committed to seeing that this local impact fee is adopted by the Senate," said Patterson. "As the Majority Floor Leader in the House, I will do everything I can to ensure that the City of Romulus is provided this important opportunity." ☐

"Queen Bales" Reigns at Staff Picnic



(From left) Joel R. Carr, Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, and Ellen Bragg, Administrative Office receptionist, proclaimed Carole Bales, executive secretary to the superintendent, "Queen for the Day" at the end-of-year picnic for district staff members. (More photos, page 8.)

Letter to the Editor

Faithful Reader Proud of "Web Wiz" Nephew – RHS Graduate Ryan Block

To the Editor:

I am writing to you from Florida, where I now live. I have been meaning to let you know that I am still a faithful reader, as my cousin, Kathé Stears, sends me the paper every two weeks. I like keeping up with Romulus folks, and your paper does the best job.

In your last issue (June 15, 2001), there was mention, again, of my nephew, Ryan Block, in Mayor Bill Oakley's "Mayor's Chair" column. I work for Reservation Central on Sanibel Island, run by another Romulus graduate from 1966, Joe Cant. We make reservations for hotels, condos, and homes on Sanibel and Captiva islands. We brought Ryan down last week to update our Web site, and he did a fantastic job. You can check it out at www.reservationcentral.com. He also did work for Joe's other company, Tradewell, which markets disposable cutting boards for home and restaurant use. Because of Ryan's work last week, the Web site for the boards, www.cutandtoss.com, was on

lots of new search engines and came to the attention of CBS News. As a result, they are going to be on the CBS Morning Show next week (it looks like Tuesday) in a feature about summer food safety. If our experience is any indication of what Ryan can accomplish, he has a great future ahead of him!

As I mentioned, I look forward to reading the paper every two weeks. When something of particular interest is in it, I can look forward to getting copies from any number of people. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Marge Bergman

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A Good-bye ... and a Hello



(From left) Sylvia and Eugene Perecki, along with longtime employee Mary Riddle.

After 55 years in business, Walter's Bar and Romulus Recreation (Romulus Lanes) will soon be operating under new ownership.

The official transfer from Eugene and Sylvia Perecki to Mike Beaudrie and George Forsey will probably take place sometime in July.

As a way of showing their appreciation for their customers' loyal patronage, the Pereckis threw a sort of "going-away party" on June 15. The all-day/all-evening event was very well attended.

Eugene and Sylvia would like to express their thanks to the many people who have supported them throughout the years. They hope that the community will give similar support to the new owners.

Walter's Bar and Romulus Recreation — located at 37452 Huron River Drive — had been in the Perecki family since 1946, when Eugene's parents, Walter and Helen, sold their grocery store and opened the bar. The bowling alley was built two years later. □



New owners Mike Beaudrie (left) and George Forsey say they're looking forward to serving you.

Puroll Named Postmaster



Postmaster Diane Puroll (center) is congratulated by Romulus postal workers Laura Stafford (left) and Silvia Rossier.

Diane Puroll, who has been the acting postmaster for the Carl W. Morris Post Office (Romulus) since June 1999, became its official postmaster as of May 19, 2001.

"I've enjoyed my time here, so naturally I'm very pleased," Puroll said of her promotion. "My staff is a pleasure to work with, and so are the customers. Despite its size, Romulus has a small-town atmosphere that's very appealing. I love being able to talk one-on-one with the people who come in, and I've gotten to know many of them rather well."

According to Puroll, her change in status won't bring any changes in service. Office hours will remain the same, as will her duties of waiting on customers, processing mail, and generally overseeing the branch's operation.

Before coming to Romulus, Puroll spent 16 years at the Garden City post office, first as a clerk, then as a mail-carrier.

Currently, she resides in Livonia with her husband Mike and their five children: Megan, Matthew, David, Lisa, and Amy. □



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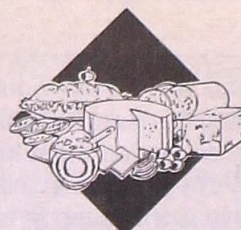
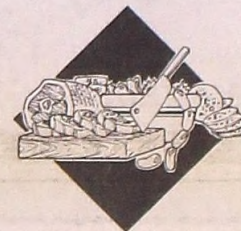
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Wally Khanji (second from left), owner of the new Beirut Restaurant, says you no longer have to leave the country to find the finest Middle Eastern cuisine. He and his staff – Musphta Alcheikh (left), Mahmoud N Ahmad (second from right), and Prieop Luminita – are ready to serve you.

By Rikki Strobos

Sure. If you want to transport yourself to an exotic locale, you can endure the frustration of packing, the expense of making travel arrangements, and the ennui of a cruise-ship voyage. Or you can do it the easy way: indulge in the cuisine of that exotic locale right in your own home town.

That's the advice of Wally Khanji, owner of Romulus's new Beirut Restaurant, who boasts that his dishes are the finest you'll find anywhere outside the Middle East. His authentic fare features falafel (a blend of crushed chick peas, cracked wheat, parsley, and spices that's made into patties and fried), fattoush (toasted pita mixed with lettuce, mint, green peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, and parsley, all tossed together with a unique dressing), baba ghanouj (baked eggplant mashed and blended with lemon juice, garlic, and tahini), and raw kibbee (raw ground lamb with cracked wheat and spices, garnished with onions and tomato), as well as the better-known hommous, stuffed grape leaves, shish kabob, and baklava.

"It was always my dream to open a

restaurant where I could serve others the same clean, healthy, tasty food that my family and I enjoy every day," said Khanji, who has 12 years of food-service experience as the former owner of a deli, an ice-cream parlor, and an American-style restaurant, all located in Detroit. "We pride ourselves on our fast, friendly service and good prices."

As a former owner of the Donut Express and Oil Exchange (located at Wayne and Goddard roads), Khanji is no stranger to Romulus.

"I enjoyed the area and wanted to stay. That's why I decided to open my restaurant here," he explained.

Born in Monrovia, Liberia, to Lebanese parents, Khanji currently resides in Dearborn with his family.

"My wife Taghrid and I have been married for eleven wonderful years, and we have four beautiful daughters: Christine (age eleven), Ronya (seven), Reyana (six), and Laila (four)," he said.

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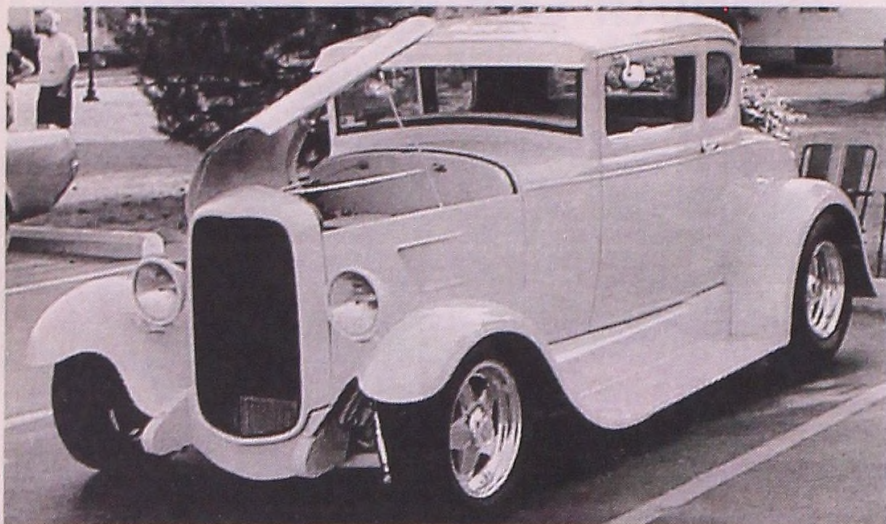
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This 1930 Model A coupe was one of the cars displayed on Cruise Night, a weekly event in downtown Romulus that's open to the public. For details, see the Community Calendar on page 23.

The Mayor's Chair

Basham Served Romulus Well

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

City governments, like Romulus, communicate very closely with Federal, State, and County authorities on a wide variety of issues. Some of the issues we discuss help move the community forward, such as the grant funding we worked on for nearly a year (and eventually received) that helped to defer the cost of widening Northline Road. Others, such as the proposed "hazardous-waste injection well," do not move the community forward and must be challenged by every citizen and every official at every opportunity, which we are doing.

Ironically, both projects, and their resultant benefit or cost, came to us through the State of Michigan and its authority to impose its will – or, in this case, "well" – on Romulus and its citizens.

While it is true that we have enjoyed our share of success in negotiations with these governmental entities in the last few years, it is also true that we have had to contend with our share of challenges from them. Some of those challenges – such as the proposed hazardous-waste injection well – have survived unresolved for many years. When I came to the Mayor's office in 1996, the fight against the well was fully underway and had been for some four years. Thankfully, Romulus and its citizens didn't have to fight alone.

One of Romulus's most steadfast supporters on this issue, and so

many others involving State government, has been another official who has inherited the "well" problem: State Representative Raymond E. Basham. Representative Basham – or "Ray," as most in Romulus know him – jumped in with both feet and has been there for us ever since. When Romulus began planning to construct a bridge over the CSX Railroad tracks at Pennsylvania Road so that emergency service to residents would not be compromised, Ray was there and brought the right people with him. Just a few days ago, during a nationally televised conference I attended with Congressman David Bonior at the location of the proposed well site, Ray was there by Romulus's side. He has responded with enthusiasm for Romulus every time he was called upon.

I am grateful that Romulus enjoys a good working relationship with other governmental entities we share jurisdictions with. These favorable relationships exist, not by accident, but because, as a community, we keep our word, try to be fair, and attempt to solve our own problems. Though I wish this were enough, sometimes you need that big stick that Teddy Roosevelt used to carry as he was talking softly. In the Michigan House, that big stick has been Ray Basham.

As term limits bring an end to his distinguished tenure as our State Representative, I wish him to know that many in Romulus think he did a great job. □

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Kilanski, Summit Students Donate Funds for Dog Vests



Summit Academy members display the \$700 check they gave to the Romulus Police Department for the purchase of a K-9 dog vest.

Last month, the Romulus Police Department's two K-9 officers and their dogs modeled the dogs' new soft body-armor for Huron Township Summit Academy students, who worked hard during the school year to raise \$700 for the purchase of one of the vests.

Among those who attended the pro-

gram was Charles Kilanski, who gave the department an additional \$700 for the purchase of a second vest. Kilanski made the donation in memory of his late father, Joseph Kilanski – a longtime Romulus resident who worked with dogs during his stint as a military policeman, and kept German shepherds all his life.



K-9 Officer Don Leonard (left) and his partner Smokey thank Chuck Kilanski, who donated \$700 for a K-9 dog vest in memory of his late father, Joseph Kilanski.

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St. Al's "Angels" Are Champs



"Duh Angels" – St. Aloysius School's first-place bowling team – (from left) Ian Coomer, Johanna Sovinski, Sarah Jo Pratt, Darlie Atkinson.

Before the end of the school year, the physical-education classes at St. Aloysius Catholic School completed an eight-week recreation unit on bowling. Over the course of the unit, students learned about the rules of the game, technique development, and sportsmanship while competing with their classmates in grades five through eight. Students were given the opportunity to pick their own teams and their own team names, and they developed conflict resolution skills as they managed their team's attitude and behavior.

Julie Wadsworth, the physical education teacher, began adding the bowling unit to her curriculum last year.

"Over the eight weeks," said Wadsworth, "the students have to work together as a team for one common goal. On ordinary gym days, teams change daily, but during this unit, students began to identify their strengths and weaknesses together. This unit helps students focus on cooperation and peer mentoring as a way to reach a common goal."

When the season was over, the teams celebrated with an Ice-cream Sundae Bowling Banquet. Trophies and awards were presented to the first-, second-, and third-place teams, as well as the most improved bowlers and high-game winners.

Among the awardees:

"Duh Angels" (first-place)

- Ian Coomer (captain)
- Johanna Sovinski
- Sarah Jo Pratt
- Darlie Atkinson

"The Big Tymers" (second-place)

- Melissa Wilhide (captain)
- Markita Diuguid
- Angie Sovinski
- Amber Modzelewski

"The Jaysters" (third place)

- Justin Artis
- JD Lindemann
- John Williams
- John Shelly

Most Improved

- Joseph Sanchez
- Rachel Jasso □

District Offers Extensive Summer School Program



VISTA helpers include (from left): front row – Alexis Houston, Crystal Barger, Wuneetha Stevens, Katie Kawel, and Jennifer Hoffman; back row – D'aun Dawson, Kelly Abdo, Nicole McMurdy, Sarah Musham, Carleton McCauley, Kristen Owens, Sarah Frame, Kim Minto, and Shyam Patel.

Once again, Romulus Community Schools is offering an extensive summer-school program from students in all three academic levels: elementary, middle school, and high school. All programs began June 25.

Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum for the district, is excited about the offerings, the 15 VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) helpers he secured through a special grant, and the special help to be provided by the Ann Arbor Art Museum and Cranbrook Science Institute.

"Our elementary program will provide reading help for students from grades one through six, along with math help for third-graders," said Dolan. "We also have an extensive Gifted and Talented program for elementary students at both Merriman Elementary and the Middle School."

Romulus Middle School is serving as the site for the combined Romulus-Belleville summer school for grades seven to twelve. Subjects being taught include English, math, and science.

Elementary sites are Wick and Merriman schools. Students go to summer school in the morning, then have an opportunity to enjoy many activities in the afternoon through the Boys & Girls Club.

"The 15 VISTA Grant assistants will be helping out with many creative activities in the afternoon at the Boys & Girls Club sites," said Deanna Forester, Director of the 21st Century Program, who added that the helpers would also be working in the mornings, helping students with reading and math.

The Gifted and Talented program at Merriman will be conducted in two sessions: the first, which began June 25, will end July 12; the second will run from July 16 through August 2.

Session One's features include Art Smart, Puppetry, World of Computers, Creative Writing, and Introduction to German.

Session Two will feature Art Smart, Math Mania, Astronomy, Drama, and Sculpture. □

District Picnic Was Big Hit

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Relaxing in the shade were (from left) Alberta Garrett, Mel Kimbrough, Fannie Williams, Jesse Meriweather, and Vern Logan . . .



. . . as well as (from left) Robin Omev, Linda Youtsey, Linda Madej, Laura Schonscheck, Sharon Howie, Robin Schonscheck, and Paula Smith.

Hatcher Is Capitol Scholar



On May 1, 2001, State Representative Raymond E. Basham invited students (from left) Jessica Mudge (Taylor Truman High School), Megan Hatcher (Romulus High School), and Amanda Harbaugh (Taylor Kennedy High School) to spend a day with him in Lansing for a firsthand lesson in government as part of the "Capitol Scholars" program.



Dancing to '50s favorites were the "Pink Ladies": (from left) Sylvia Thompson, Joyce Evans, Phyllis Wilkerson, Bonnie Bossidis, Diane Bishop, Jill Avery, Paula Smith, and Gail Coleman.

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Law Day Was Fun, Educational



Local attorneys Steve Robinson (right) and Tom White (not pictured) helped mock prosecuting attorneys (from left) Mike Cullins, Amy Hudson, and Kari Anderson perform their duties.

The 34th District Court graciously opened its doors to this year's Law Day program on May 11. Chief Judge Tina Brooks-Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley cleared their dockets to assist with the mock trial and allow the program to be conducted in an authentic setting.

Attorney Tom White did a wonderful job writing the scenario for this year's trial. Senior citizens from the Romulus Senior Center and students from Mr. Rod Hanna's high-school government class did a great job of playing the scenario's various roles.

"I enjoyed the program a lot," said one former participant. "It gives young people an excellent opportunity to learn about our legal system and how it re-

lates to life in the 'real world' – and have a good time in the process," she added.

The success of the annual Law Day program would not have been possible without the help of the following people:

- Judges Green and Oakley;
- attorneys White (Belleville), Michael DiPietro (Belleville), David Glaab (Huron Township), and Steve Robinson (Romulus);
- Lieutenant James Rafalski and Officer Cliff West (Romulus Police Department);
- Mr. Hanna and his Romulus High School government students; and
- Romulus Senior Center Program Coordinator Linda Norman and the Center's senior citizens.

Budding Stars Shine at Talent Show



Halecreek Elementary School's annual talent show featured a variety of acts, including singing, dancing, cheerleading, and even ventriloquism. Performers included (from left): front row – Erin Bragg, Ashleyle Borkins, Chenise Smith, and Autumn King (singing Mya's "Case of the X"); second row – Filmore Bouldes, Jerry Morgan, Xavier Alexander, and Elijah Lee (performing "Lil Globe Trotters"), Brittany Charleston and Rashae Pree (singing Destiny's Child's "Jumpin'"), and Adianna Diebel and her puppet "Silverstein" (performing the ventriloquist act "For Sale"); back row – Martin Griffin (singing "We Are Soldiers In The Army"), Sharmae Henderson (in a cheerleading act), Katie Cousino (dancing to the Backstreet Boys' "Get Another Boyfriend"), and Alyse Hopkins, Jennifer Kubicki, and Jenna Hopkins (dancing to Dream's "He Loves You Not").

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ALL-YEAR ALL A's

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Sheila Watts.

ALL-YEAR HONOR ROLL

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Alexis Jones, John Lewkowicz, Sheila Reeves, Christopher Reyna, Jesse Sanden, and Brianna Shreve.

Third Grade – Mrs. Gursky

Caitlyn Finley, Erica Hayes, Michael Lovelady, Travis Rister, and Daijah Street.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Brim

Samantha Bankey, Derek Bennett, and Chelsea Tyree.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Fritz

Daniel Antosik, Paige Coon, Ross Hadyniak, Brandyn Martin, Cheyenne Oakley, Jessica Sylvester, Samantha Watson, Mary Ann Watts, and Kanaya Williams.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Rachel Arthur.

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Kline

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Sixth Grade – Mr. Baty

Tiffany Gray and Stephanie Jensen.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Melissa Brewington, Amanda Dillard, Leslie Hayes, Dean Kovacs, and Anne Marie Martin.

ALL-YEAR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Mrs. Richard

Rayneisha Abrams and Jeremy Frayer.

Kindergarten "B" – Mrs. Richard

Aaron Arthur and Joshua Thorns-bury.

First Grade – Mrs. Street

Sherrod Mack.

Second Grade – Mrs. Withey

Aprill Arthur.

Third Grade – Mrs. Abela

Jesse Sanden.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Zimkiewicz

Jacquelyn Logan, Jennifer McNeal, and Joya McNeal.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Alysa Long.

Cory Elementary

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Aurielle McCauley, Gary Nemeth, Felicia Olson, Tiffany Penn, Jacqueline Smith, and Theresa Windom.

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Halecreek Elementary

ALL-YEAR HIGH HONORS

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Slater

Abigail Tieppo.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Miller

Olivia Berry, Candice Bruckner, and Jessica Mills.

ALL-YEAR HONOR ROLL

Fifth Grade – Mr. Leucht

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Fifth Grade – Mrs. McAnally

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Selwyn Bodden, Trisha Campbell, Michaela Hudson, Justin Kiser, Jennifer Kubicki, Kevin Stobbe, and Lagina Thomas.

Sixth Grade – Mrs. Pearson

Sasha Poling and John Yike.

Merriman Elementary

Not available; school does not com-
pile fourth-quarter lists.

Wick Elementary

ALL A's

Jasmine Abney, Levi Adams, Heather Baval, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Kristin Dubisky, Shaniya Dye, Steven Hawes, Shauna Pitman, Grant Pizzo, Paige Pizzo, Sam Pizzo, Ashley Wagle, September Waites, and Makayla Williams.

HONOR ROLL

Shon Aggison, Romel Arrington, Holly Atchley, Antoine Baines, Javonte Belcher, LaTanya Bellinger, Mahelia Benjamin, Nicholas Bennett, Zachary Beregsasy, Andrew Boyd, Beatrice Boyd, Marwin Boyd, DeAndray Buckley, Dominique Buckley, Brad Burcroff, Dean Burcroff, Krystal Burrell, Braelin Calhoun, Chris Campbell-Fultz, Tiffany Cannon, Cierra Cohen, Carmen Collie, Kia Cune-gin, Michael Darden, LeAnne Dawson, Martel Ellis, Tia Evans, Christopher Floyd, Sheldon Gage, Seth Gasser, Troy Gray, Kenneth Hall, Kristina Hall, Alexander Hicks-Gregory, Joshua Horne, Larry Horne, Tanisha Hubbard, Jeffery Ingle, Alicia Jackson, Alisa James, Antoine James, Antonio James, Rachel Jensen, Lauren Jones, Lawrence Jones, Thomas Kortas, Jacob Krell, Ayonna Lawrence, Kyara Lee, Marco Little, Bianca Mack, Samantha Marcum, Valencia Mathews, Chrissy Meeks,

Kiara Miller, Alisha Moon, Arielle Mor-gan, Tamica Mosley, Alexis Myricks, Stuart Nairemore, Quinn Nash, Krystal Nault, Darius Osborne, Latrice Parnell, Mikayla Pastor, Antoine Patterson, Chantal Payne, Justin Pice, Demetrius Price, Shauree Reed, Richard Reme-lius, Cassie Rice, Nathan Rice, Bobby Russell, Alex Sampson, Kiarra Sande-fur, Asia Shareef, Miranda Snyder, Alec Staten, Jon Swagerty, Shantrice Tatum, Mario Williams, Lorenzo Wilson, and Brittany Wright.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Nicholas Bennett, Brianna Boyd, Marwin Boyd, Myles Boyd, Krystal Bur-rell, Joshua Dew, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, Dennis Dixon, Timothy Gannon, Rashad Glenn, Kaci Hall, Kristina Hall, Khalif Hamilton, Larry Horne, Lauren Jones, Joshua Krell, Marco Little, Jas-mine Long, Valencia Mathews, William McGinnis, Rodney Mitchell, Alisha Moon, Carl Roscoe, Kiara Sandefur, Amanda Wagle, Ashley Wagle, Kandice Wells, Jazmine Williams, Tiffany Wool-ford, and Brittany Wright.

Romulus Middle School

ALL A's

Seventh Grade

Samantha Arnett-Butscher, Megan Bearman, Lauren Belle, Ayibatari Buru-tolu, Katherine Drayton, Jason Elwell, Doloris Garry, Samina Haq, Ashley Horyn, Jonathan McLachlan, Ashley Moss, Anisa Rakic, Brian Rodger, Anne Ross, and Patricia Silvey.

Eighth Grade

Kristen Atchley, Jazmine Bennett, Ronnie Brown, Teela Carroll, Lauryn Farkas, Katie Hale, Philip Roscoe, Sawaira Sheikh, Jessica Shelton, Mat-theew Steffani, Jessica Trahey, Kimberly Wilson, LaShonda Windham, and Ash-ley Wright.

HONOR ROLL

Seventh Grade

Carla Anderson, Kathryn Appel, Amanda Bailey, Ronald Baker, James Bell, Richard Bennett, Lindsay Bere-gasy, Bradley Bills, Chad Blackburn, James Blanton, Lisa Boteler, Landria Buckley, Jennifer Caloia, Tamara Car-ney, Joshua Carroll, Ronald Carter, Elvis Celske, Jacob Chasse, Tiffany Clai-borne, Mari Clay, Carmen Coleman, Shaneta Cotton, Benjamin Defelice, Adam Delay, Brian Demoisey, Katrell Duncan, Eric Eberle, Sara Formosa, Bradley Garland, Brittney Garrison, Dean Gilbert, Carl Gillespie, Ryan Go-forth, Lindsay Green, Anthony Groce, Timothy Hammar, Brittani Haney, Lester Hardy, Bridgette Hawes, Jeannie Hayes, Octavia Hester, Amanda Hollis, Michael Hudson, Alan Huguley, Jennifer Hunter, Amanda Ingle, Dawan Jackson, Tom-Meka Johnson, Danielle Keller, Jacob Kettlewell, Matthew Koester, Shannon

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Graduates Come in All Sizes

When Romulus High School's Class of 2001 graduated earlier this month, its members got plenty of attention and praise . . . and rightfully so. But there were also plenty of other local graduates who were receiving well-deserved congratulations, and they ranged in age from five to adult.

Among the oldest were the graduates of the Romulus/Van Buren Adult and Community High School programs, whose proud loved ones packed the auditorium for their commencement.

Family members and other well-wishers also attended the graduation ceremonies for the Romulus Community Schools' younger "grads," including all the kindergartners, who successfully completed the first year of their educational careers, as well as the sixth-graders, who will attend the Middle School next year. Each school held its own commencement, during which students were recognized for achievements in academics, attendance, fitness, and citizenship. (More photos: page 17.) □



Community High graduates included (from left) Billy Mapes, Joel Shown, Nicole Miela, Jenny Coe, and Jerome Roper.



Proudly wearing their graduation caps are Halecreek Elementary School's sixth-grade graduates.



Among those attending Barth Elementary's kindergarten graduation ceremony were (from left) Nathan Murphy with mother Kathy, Danielle Lorbeske with mother Kristine, Kevin Littler with mother Joanne, and Heather Kitchen with mother Dorothy and father John.

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STUDY SESSION, MAY 29, 2001

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed all members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/01/16 Moved by Lambert supported by Dick to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/01/17 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board convene in Executive Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. and reconvened in Regular Session at 6:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/01/18 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlenn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

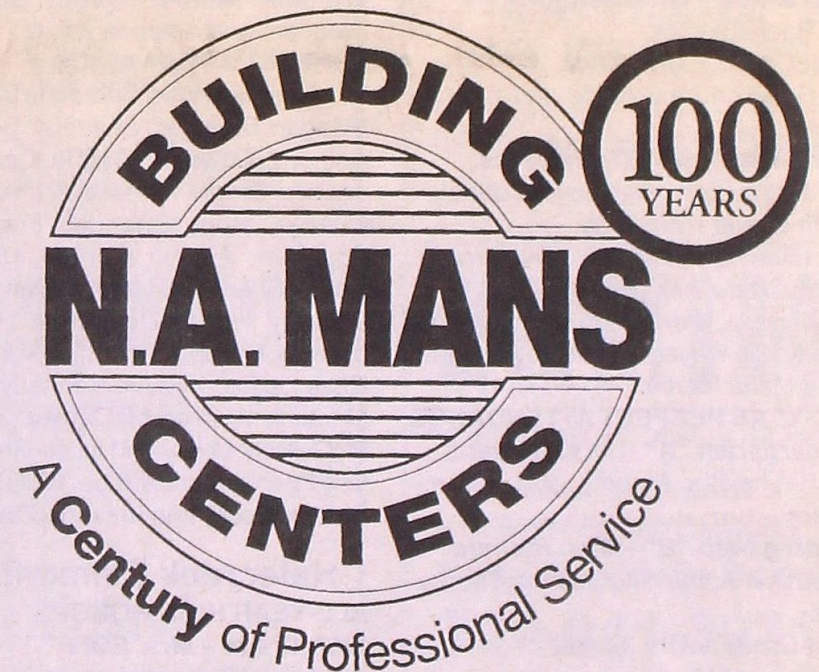
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Secretary

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6th-grade Graduates



Barth's "High Honors" grads (from left): front row – Dakota Watson, Lamar Williams, Kerri Britz, Amanda Kreutzer, Brittnee Shreve, Dean Kovacs, Steven Krasinski, Davun Baskerville, Jackie VanMeer, and Ann Marie Martin; back row – Patrice Barden, Amanda Dillard, Tracy Rose, Tiffany Gray, Leslie Hayes, Alice Mattson, Stephanie Jensen, Melissa Brewington, Ashley Pardon, and Joy Jendritz.



Presidential Fitness Award winners among Cory Elementary School's sixth-grade graduating class (proudly sporting their award medals and school-spirit T-shirts) included (from left): front row – Theresa Windom, Rebecca Labo, LaRhonda Colvin, Rashaundra Graham, and Quinton Gregory; back row – Yetty Emanuel, Tiffany Penn, Maurice Anderson, Nicole Carroll, and Aurielle McCauley.



Merriman's "High Honors" students included (from left) Lisa Johnson, Jakali McClendon, Courtney Turner, Richelle Mortzfield, Deanna Kordonis, Jetaun Robinson, Martez Lewis, and Joshua Haener.



Teacher Yvette Austin (left) congratulates other "High Honors" students from Merriman, including (from left) Lindsay Mitchell, Amna Sheikh, Lindsey Williamson, and Catherine Cobb.



Wick's Presidential Academic Award winners included (from left): front row – Richard Remelius, Brittany Wright, Lorenzo Wilson, Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick, Shantrice Tatum, Shakita Wilson, and Shon Aggison; back row – Alicia Jackson, Alex Sampson, Andrew Boyd, Antoine James, Michael Darden, and Katrina Little.



Of course, an important part of each ceremony was the attendance of many family members and friends who came to share the graduates' proud moment. Kim Aggison (right) and her daughter Kayla (left) were among those on hand to support Kim's son Shon at his graduation from Wick Elementary.

SCHOOL'S OUT

for the Summer



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Let the kids have their fun. Help make it safe for them by slowing down and expecting the unexpected!

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education and Staff

Romulus Students Honored for Excellent Grades, Perfect Attendance

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Kowalski, Ron Kreutzer, Jeffrey Kurzyniec, Jennifer Lammers, Erica Linton, Erica Linton, Christopher Lucaj, Courtney MacDougall, Justin Maupin, Monet McCroan, Krystle McKay, Jessica Moore, Cory Mortzfield, Tiffany Motsch, Michelle Nelson, Amanda Nowicki, Kris-

tine Plank, Whitney Poole, Jonathan Rafalski, Timothy Reed, Cecily Ricer, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford, Arlenea Savage, Joshua Sandy, Jessica Sears, Chelsea Smith, Dean Springer, Robert Staffieri, Alfred Stewart, Mary Stewart, Dennis Suiter, Jeff Taylor, Julie Terry, Brian Thiede, Diana Thompson,

Antonia Walker, Tanise Walker, Dustin Walters, Jeremiah Warren, Jordan Weir, Ashlee Wells, Megan Whalen, Patricia Williams, Amanda Willingham, Velon Willis, Skylar Winter, Jessica Workman.

Eighth Grade

Phillip Adkins, Latoya Allen, Lindsay Allison, James Barnes, Sarah Bauman, Tiffany Block, Brenden Boyd, Donald Brewer, Monika Burgess, Antoine Burrell, Justin Chapman, Maurio Clark, Anica Coate, Chrystal Coleman, Monica Cox, Helena Desotell, Mia Drane-Maury, Amy Ehrenberg, Anitra Glimps, Scott Golden, Ashley Gorkiewicz, Crystal Hahn, Kevin Hamilton, Jeremy Harris, Paris Hawkins, Shannell Hemphill, Elyse Hooks, Candace Lawrence, Mallori Losacco, Jennifer Marshall, Lisa Miller, Carolyn Moore, Leah Moore, Anjelique Moss, Colleen Mumford, Kyerra Nangles, Antoinette Nelson, Amanda O'Connor, Candace Parsons, Shawn Perkins, Dijon Piggee, Andrea Redding, Megan Scott, Lindsay Sharp, Jennifer Shelton, Ashley Sibby, Larita Smith, Dwight Springer, Paulette Stanford, Avery Stephenson, Daniel Strange, Anastasia Strother, Jamie Suiter, Jeremy Thomason, Joann Tieppo, Miah Wade, Darrell Ward, Sarah Ward, Natalie Watt, Ryan Witherow, and Brian Woods.

Romulus High School

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Aamer Ahmad, Darnell Anderson, Deborah Anderson, Myles Bell, Natalie Blake, Kenneth Booker, Carla Broom, Ahmad Caldwell, Cassie Caldwell, Kristina Camilleri, Ronald Coleman, Amanda Cooper, Rhiannon Crawford, James Davis, Thomas Drayton, Jessica Frost, Toni Gibson, Sabrina Gomes, Christian Hadden, Danielle Hendricks, Roy Hollis, Shaenna Kettlewell, Jerad Kiser, Lisa Leblanc, Sarah Lindroth, Patrick McCollum, Matthew Mortzfield, Jajuan Mosby, Ashley Much, Hanya Ombima, Rebecca Orbs, Lajoya Orr, Kristina Rafalski, Denisa Rakic, Kristi Rice, David Rogala, Britany Sawdy, Sara Schulz, Adrian Simmons, Ryan Tackett, Rebecca Thornton, Kyle Wasson, Marvin Wheeler, Henry Wiggins, Reese Williams, Tenisha Williams, and Marissa Wilson.

Tenth Grade

Shannon Allen, Clint Bergum, Ryan Boyd, Amanda Brewington, Laneisha Brown, Ronald Buckley, Tiffany Burrell, Taritonye Burutolu, Meghan Conway, Sherri Davis, Julia Deshazor, Bret Fowler, Sarah Gray, James Green, Della Hamby, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Bradley Hindman, Melissa Holman, Bethany Hotchkiss, Curtis Jackson, Crystal Koch, Hilary Kozma, Alexander MacFarlane, Andrew McNeil, Nicole Nolan, Jesse Patterson, Leslie Perez, Demequa Poole, Robert Rice, Donald Richison, Andrew Rodger, Latoya Starr, Bethany Swauger, and Laura Tanner.

Eleventh Grade

Chrystal Blair, Elizabeth Caburet, Jennifer Camilleri, David Cox, Cortney Daniels, Rochelle Davis, Adam Gibbons, Jerome Gray, Ileen Hill, Thomas Hughes, Deana Hunter, Kathrine Kortas, Paul Krause, Jasmine Mark, Christopher Moore, Daniel Patterson, Stephen Potoczek, Antoinette Price, John Schenavar, Kristen Singer, Melissa Smallwood, Nicholas Smith, Natisha Starnes, Nichole Starnes, Melissa Thornton, Chianta Wyatt, and Angela Zajac.

Twelfth Grade

Mubbeena Ahmad, Ryan Block, Tara Brown, Renee Byard, Andrea Deline, Tracie Finley, Kristin Godard, Chanté Graham, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Linsey Hoppe, Aisha Hubbard, Rondra Lee, Danylle Malloy, Danielle McClue, Geoffrey Raphael, John Ryznar, Emily Schulz, Sultan Sharief, and Chris Talley.

HONOR ROLL

Ninth Grade

Kimberly Atkins, Andre Belle, Ronny Cornelius, Jessica Deverich, Lawrence Dobbyn, Carissa Drobil, Lauren Fox, Stacey Gilbert, Mishielle Gray, Stephanie Gurner, Alicia Harbor, Novella Haugebook, Justin Heins, Sarah Herbert, Jeffrey Hoffman Brittni Jackson, Angela Lewis, Timothy Lewis, Victoria Lucaj, Angela Lukas, Michael Mancine, Patrick Miller, Suzanne Nehila, Iesha Taylor, Amy Thompson, Victor Voris, Thomas Watt, Mark Wheeler, Jurbar Williams, and Jeremiah Yeager.

Tenth Grade

Christopher Anderson, Natasha Baldwin, Scott Blackburn, Katie Bolus, Kyleen Calloway, Brittney Clark, Amanda Crosby, Brenda Finley, Lashawnda Harris, Jamie Henne, Paris Jackson, John Jenkins, Julian Lambert, Natasha Lowe, Heather Patrick, Keona Riley, Darrien Sibby, Natasha Sibby, Clayton Smith, Miyon Smith, Tiffany Smith, Jamie Stephens, Christopher Swantek, Matthew Thiede, Brandon Varga, Jerry White, and Angela Williams.

Eleventh Grade

Krista Alley, Tiffany Ash, Nicole Bills, Shanelle Bishop, David Boyd, Larry Brown, Kelly Carroll, Jennifer Case, Roger Chapman, Xavier Clemons, Leah Cotham, Deborah Fox, Andrea Gibson, Monica Gullledge, Latoya Hamilton, Rahila Haq, Fredrick Harbor, Brandy Hemmingway, Jeremy Hendricks, Amanda Judy, Scott Kennedy, Keith Lacroix, Gary Lee, Andrea Marosan, Jessica May, Amelia McCray, Jazzmen Medley, Arekeyta Porter, Peter Proctor, Christina Tieppo, Kanetra Warren, Carlen Weidemann, and Erica Williams.

Twelfth Grade

Richard Angel, Craig Bailey, Shenos Blake, Thomas Bolus, Jodi Bright, Jason Brooks, Christopher Deaton, Jason Gibson, Mellisa Gondek, Erik Hall, Brian Harper, Jennell Harper, Carla Har-

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ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

REGULAR MEETING, MAY 29, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/01/19 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/01/20 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

RESIGNATION: Carole Durgy, Social Worker, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective May 14, 2001.

5/01/21 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the resignation of personnel as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - FYI: Samuel Bonam, Media Technician, Cory Elementary, Effective May 16, 2001; and Anthony Daniels, Paraprofessional, Merriman Elementary, Effective June 1, 2001.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - FYI: Serena Kessler (Educational), Language Arts Teacher, High School, Effective August 2001 - August 2002.

Bills for Payment

5/01/22 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Presentation - DARE

Presentation on the DARE Experimental Program by Lt. James Rafalski, Romulus Police Department, and Project Director, Dave Stanifer. We will be either an "experimental" or a "control" school, but the determination is not yet clear.

Summer School

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, passed out a summer-school schedule and discussed it with members of the Board of Education.

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Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, discussed the fact that there are fifteen (15) summer employees involved in summer school and the Boys & Girls Club. There will be three people in the yearlong program that will be involved with the Service Learning Program.

RESA - Vote for Board Members

5/01/23 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick to vote for Kenneth E. Berlinn for the RESA Board. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/01/24 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi to vote for James Beri and Lynda S. Jackson for the 6-year term. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Webb). Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Letter - Alternate School Basketball Team; (2) Article - After School Advocate; (3) NSBA - Appreciation; (4) Adult Ed Newsletter; (5) Standard & Poors - Data; (6) Letter - Boys' and Girls' Track - State Competition; and (7) Letter - Missouri Accelerated Schools.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betty Lenossi reminded the Board of the Prom Toast on June 5th. Ken Berlinn thanked the Board for voting for him for the RESA position, and Debbie Dick asked about the Michigan Association of School Boards taking a negative position on the MEAP evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/01/25 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi to cancel the Executive Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/01/26 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva W. Webb, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

Students Honored for Grades, Attendance

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ris, Tracy Hojara, Amy Hudson, Kimberly Mingo, Crystal Minner, Brandon Olson, Flemesha Peacher, Jennifer Prater, John Proctor, Jamahl Soctt, Ashley Slone, Carrie Spielman, Christie St. John, Keith Timbrooks, Jeremy Townsend, Dino Vann, Lajoel Wasson, and Michael Woods.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Note: An asterisk denotes students who had perfect attendance for the entire year. All others had perfect attendance for the second semester.

Ninth Grade

Charmaine Atkins, Justin Heins, Jef-

frey Hoffman, Nicole Liendo, *Muneera Marion, and Patrick McCollum.

Tenth Grade

Clint Bergum, Ronald Buckley, *Nicole Nolan, *Andrew Rodger, and Brandon Varga.

Eleventh Grade

Cortney Daniels, Scott Kennedy, Brian Longre, and *Jazzmen Medley.

Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes both honor-roll and perfect-attendance lists from any school that is attended by Romulus residents. To submit your school's lists, mail them to us at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, Michigan 48174, or FAX them to 734-941-4874. □

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 12, 2001

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 12, 2001, was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Michael D. Woods.

Roll call showed members Michael Woods, Kenneth Berlinn, Debbie Dick, Alan Lambert, Betty Lenossi, and Billy McCraight present. Excused—Returning: member Eva Webb. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Woods.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

6/01/01 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6/01/02 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the Board approve the Minutes of the Study Session of May 29, 2001, and the Regular Session of May 29, 2001, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Wendy Pachota, Mathematics Teacher, High School, Effective August 27, 2001.

6/01/03 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education accept the employment of personnel as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION: Kathleen Lewis, Third-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective June 18, 2001.

6/01/04 Moved by McCraight supported by Lambert that the Board of Education accept the resignation of personnel as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Rose Raspberry-Fisher, First-grade Teacher, Barth Elementary, Effective June 18, 2001; Patricia McCabe, Kindergarten Teacher, Cory Elementary, Effective June 18, 2001; and Sandra Savage, Custodian, Barth Elementary, Effective August 1, 2001.

6/01/05 Moved by McCraight supported by Lambert that the Board of Education accept retirement of personnel as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT—FYI: Rutha Lucas, Meal Packer, High School, Effective May 30, 2001.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE—FYI: Kathryn Gable, Child Care, Fifth-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective August 2001 through August 2002; Paula Harper, Child Care, Language Arts Teacher, High School, Effective August 2001 through August 2002; LaToya Peoples Shackelford, Medical/Child Care, Special Education Teacher, High School, Effective August 2001 through August 2002; Rosa Russenberger, Child Care, Foreign Language Teacher, High School, Effective August 27, 2001 through November 30, 2001; Jessaca Henry, Educational, Mathematics Teacher, Middle School, Effective August 2001 through August 2002.

Bills for Payment

6/01/06 Moved by Lambert supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Finance. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Eva Webb returns to meeting – 6:40 p.m.

Summer Millage Levy

6/01/07 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert that the Board of Education adopt the following levy for the 2001 summer tax collection.

	Homestead	Non-Homestead
"Hold Harmless" Mills	4.39	- 0 -
"Local Operations" Mills	- 0 -	18.00
"Debt" Mills	5.25	5.25
Total Mills	9.64	23.25

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Policy Committee – Plans for 2001–2002

Mr. Tom Dolan updated the Board of Education on Policy Plans for 2001–2002.

Construction Change Orders

6/01/08 Moved by McCraight supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the 2001 Change Order for \$53,715.00 (\$34,605.00 for New Elementary and \$19,110.00 for Romulus Middle School). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Update

A construction update was provided by Kevin from Barton Malow Construction Co.

Bid Award – High School Pool Roof

6/01/09 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board of Education approve rescinding previously approved low bidder Single Ply International of Michigan and award bid category Roofing to Duane Smelser Roofing, Inc., for \$207,350.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications or expressions from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: (1) Picnic Schedule for June 14; (2) RESA Board Election Results; (3) Communication – Summer Program Grant; (4) Thirty Ideas in 30 Days; (5) Action Update – House Version of ESEA Reauthorization Passes; (6) Article – New York Times Lessons: A Rebellion Is Growing Against Required Tests; and (7) Detroit Metro Connection – Romulus School Articles.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Betty Lenossi discussed MEAP and the possibility of getting paving and a speed bump by the Mt. Pleasant School to control speed of traffic. Kenneth Berlinn welcomed the newly elected Romulus School Board members, Cheryle Buckley and April Frayer. Billy McCraight extended congratulations to Kenneth Berlinn on his election to the RESA Board of Education. Eva Webb extended a welcome to newly elected Romulus Board members and Ken Berlinn. Eva Webb made positive comments in regards to Community High School and its programs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

6/01/10 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to convene into Executive Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

6/01/11 Moved by McCraight supported by Lambert that the Regular Meeting be reconvened. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Meeting was reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

6/01/12 Moved by Lambert supported by McCraight to approve the attached settlement agreement as signed by Linda Davis and Ed Clark on June 7, 2001. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT – AMENDMENT:

6/01/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight that the Board of Education accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation to amend the Superintendent's Contract as attached. Ayes: McCraight, Lenossi, Berlinn, Webb. Nays: Dick, Woods. Abstain: Lambert. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

6/01/14 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

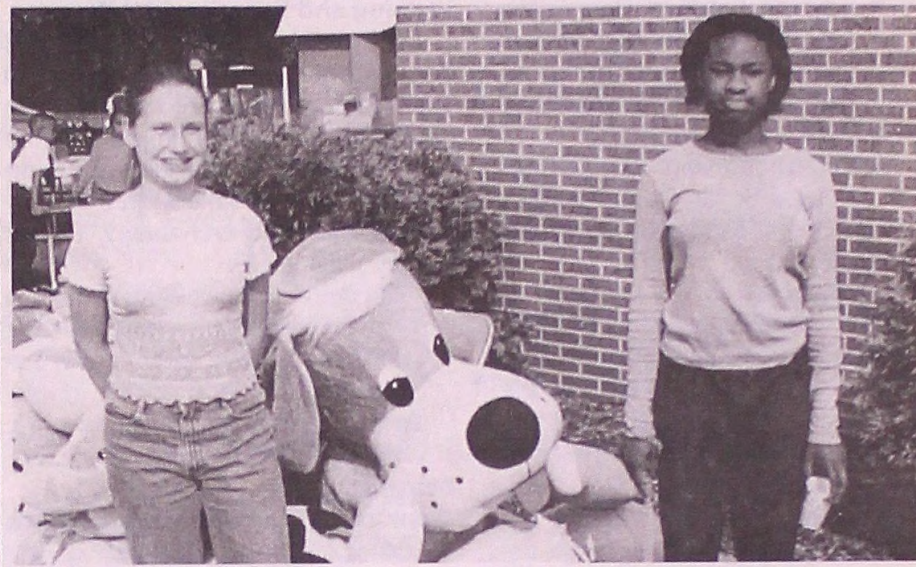
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Around the District



Featured soloists at the RMS Performing Arts Concert: Chastity Weston (second from right), who sang "Watching Over Me," and (from left) Ciara Fowlkes, Alanae Odom, and Gabrielle Graves, who sang "Count On Me."



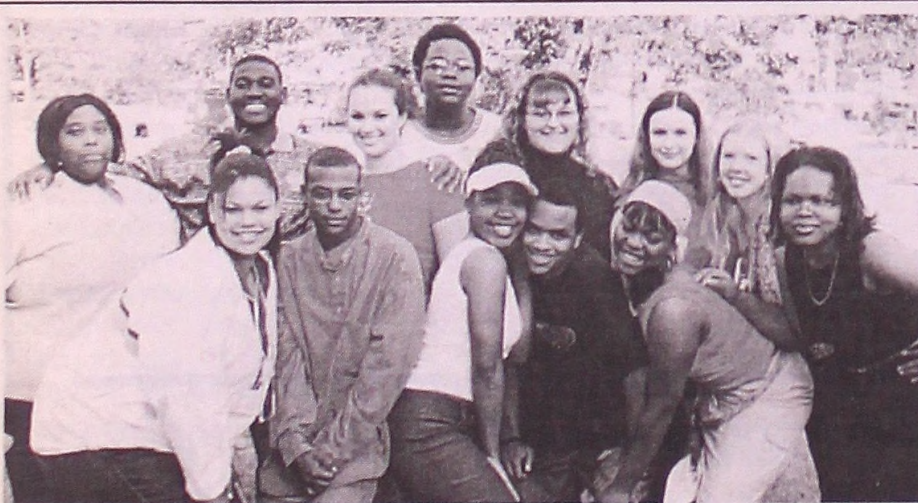
Chiara Snook (left) and Tasherra Fenderson were among the many students who attended the Merriman School Picnic, which featured good food, games, and a raffle of stuffed animals.



Winning a state championship at the annual Social Studies Olympiad with their voter-registration program were (from left): front row – Nicole Liendo, Jeff Hoffman, and Otis Curry; back row – Kellie Knight (faculty advisor), Angie Lukas, Jason Gibes, Kiera Wilson, and Tiffany Terry.



Placing second in the Olympiad's Historical Documentary division were (from left): front row – Melissa Gondek, Nereida Pena, Jessica Bright, and Jonathan Wilkerson; back row – Kellie Knight (faculty advisor), Jenessa Deshazor, Brittany Sawdy, Thom Banks, and Amanda Brewington.



The Pleasant Sounds vocal ensemble, directed by teacher Judy Barthwell, is the first Romulus group ever to receive the coveted first-division rating at the MSVA State Festival. Members are (from left): front row – Bianca Barker, Jeremiah Yeager, Melzina Thompson, John Proctor, Rhoda Walton, and Shante Graham; back row – Ileena Hill, Stephen Smith, Cat Sutter, Edmond Bowen, Jodi Bright, Amy Bowman, and Vicki Stephens.



The newest retirees from the district's Transportation Department – Leota McCraight (front) and Mike Cadden (back) – were congratulated by (from left) Paralee Duprey, Pauline Hargress, Dorothy Stillwagon, Joann Hunter, Betty Lenossi, John Hadyniak, Jan Baum, and Jackie Haislip (earlier retirees from the Transportation Department) during a recent brunch that was held in their honor.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Senior Olympics

Romulus residents who wish to take part in the 16th annual Downriver Senior Olympics program, to be held the week of August 6-10, must fill out and return an application form to the Romulus Senior Center by June 30.

Competitions (in several different age divisions) will be held in the following events: baking, euchre, pinochle, bridge, swimming, bowling, bocce ball, shuffleboard, darts, horseshoes, ping pong, billiards, tennis, volleyball, golf ("best ball" scramble, longest drive, and closest to pin), walking, basketball shoot, softball throw, ring toss, frisbee toss, football toss, and soccer kick.

The week-long event schedule will conclude with a banquet for participants and their family members and friends.

Applications, fee information, etc., are available at the Center.

Senior Softball

Just a reminder that Senior Softball is played at Elmer Johnson Park every Monday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. No experience is necessary; play is open to anyone age 50 and up who is looking to have fun, stay fit, and enjoy the company of others.

Health Checks

The Romulus Senior Center urges everyone interested in monitoring their health to mark their calendars with the following dates:

- blood pressure and eye tests (Wednesday, July 11, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.),
- FREE blood pressure, cholesterol, and sugar tests; no fasting required (Friday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), and
- FREE health screenings for everyone over 60; \$15 for all others (Friday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

All testing programs will be conducted at the Senior Center. Although no appointment is necessary to take advantage of these monitoring services, it is important to remember that preregistration by enough people ensures that the programs will not be canceled.

Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

Walking and Exercise for Life

On Monday, July 2, the Romulus Senior Center will begin a walking and exercise program geared toward good health. Monitoring the program will be Laura Singleton, who is doing an internship for her associate's degree in exercise science and technology. She is also certified in CPR.

The current plan calls for seniors to take part in the following weekly events:

- walking (Mondays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.)
- exercise (Wednesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.)

Sign up at the Center if you are interested.

"Senior of the Year" Nominees Sought

Lynn Alexander, Director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, has announced that nominations for the Senior Citizen of the Year award will be accepted from local organizations until the deadline date of Friday, July 20. The award, sponsored by the OSA and the Michigan State Fair, recognizes persons 60 and older in the areas of service and leadership.

Winners will receive a cash award made possible by Consumers Energy Company and will be presented on Monday, August 27 (Senior Citizens Day at the Michigan State Fair).

"Michigan is home to many active seniors committed to helping others and building our communities," said Alexander. "Winners in this annual awards competition come from all walks of life. We are looking for those unsung heroes who strive to be of service to their peers and community."

John Hertel, General Manager of the State Fair, added, "The wisdom, knowledge, and dedication seniors contribute is immeasurable. This award is an opportunity to highlight those contributions, and we are pleased to have this long-standing partnership with the OSA in sponsoring this award."

Nomination forms are available through any of the 16 local Area Agencies on Aging, or they may be obtained from the OSA by calling 517-373-8230.

Nomination forms and information can also be found on the OSA Web site: <http://www.MiSeniors.net>.

Completed forms should be sent to Senior Citizen of the Year, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

Winners will be notified in writing. Attendance at the awards presentation is not necessary to win. □

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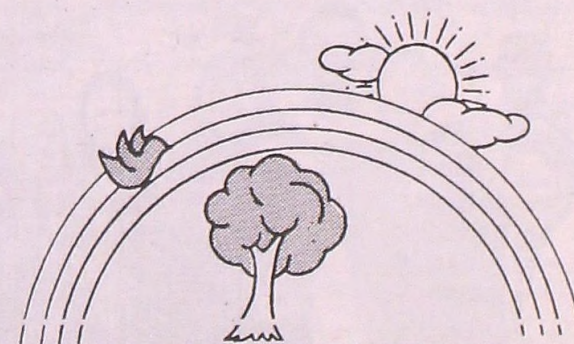
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Community Calendar

- **Nursery Hosts Rose Programs** – Great Lakes Roses (49875 Willow Road, Belleville) will host the following free programs that are open to the public without reservations: **Winter-hardy Roses** (a slide presentation by Nancy Lindley of some easy-care roses that thrive in Michigan) – Sunday, July 1, at 1 p.m.; **Japanese Beetle Control for Roses** (a lecture and hands-on garden demonstration by Roger and Nancy Lindley, detailing control of these bothersome garden pests) – Sunday, July 15, at 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.
- **Cruise Night** – Romulus Auto Supply and Romulus Showtime Video invite you to dress up '50s style, get into your classic car, drive over to their downtown parking lot on Goddard Road, and spend a warm summer night bringing back old memories (or making new ones) on "Cruise Night" – a weekly event that will feature the simple pleasures of hot dogs, soft drinks, good music, and even better company. Cruise Night runs from 6 p.m. until dark every Tuesday (next date: July 3) through the end of September. For more information, call 734-942-7999.
- **Party in the Park** – The Romulus Historical Society will host its third annual Party in the Park at Romulus Historic Park (located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office) on Wednesday, July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Music will be provided by the Golden Griffon Stringtet; refreshments will be served. Admission is free; everyone is welcome.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. In celebration of Independence Day, this program will feature Jerry Wendland and other local historians who will discuss Romulus's past. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **PWP Hosts "Tropical Breezes" Dance** – Downriver Chapter 369 of Parents Without Partners invites single parents to attend its "Tropical Breezes" Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard) on Friday, July 13, from 9 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Cash bar. DJ: Sound Spectrum. Cost is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For more information, call the Chapter Hotline (313-388-8488) or Membership Information (734-284-7330).
- **Waltz Homecoming Festival** – The 2001 Waltz Homecoming Festival – set for Thursday, July 26, through Sunday, July 29 – will feature a variety of attractions, including a parade, fireworks, midway, entertainment, an antique car/cruise show, games, food, and more. The Festival will be held at Joseph Waltz Park (I-275 Exit 8, west to downtown Waltz) on Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 7 p.m. For information, call 734-654-8020 or visit www.geocities.com/waltzmich/Waltz_Michigan.html.
- **RHS Class of 1971 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1971 will hold its 30-year reunion on Friday, September 28, and Saturday, September 29, 2001. Plans call for everyone to meet at the corner of Goddard and Shook roads at 5 p.m. Friday to watch the annual Homecoming Parade, then move to the Middle School for the Homecoming Game at 7 p.m. A bonfire will follow the game, weather permitting. Saturday's events will begin with a 10 a.m. tour of the High School; an evening dinner/dance at the Marriott Hotel will wrap up the event. Tickets are \$60 per person/\$120 per couple; make checks payable to Diane Terry. For more information, contact Diane (Ryznar) Terry (734-942-0326 / DianeT119@aol.com) or Paula (McGhen) Smith (734-941-4499 / smithp@romulus.k12.mi.us).
- **Crafters Needed** – St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus) is looking for crafters who would like to participate in its annual end-of-summer festival, set for August 24–26. For additional information, call the church rectory at 734-941-5056 (Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- **Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-727-9920.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Obituaries

Edward Raymond Fabinski

Edward Raymond Fabinski of Tyler, Texas, died on Thursday, June 14, 2001, at the age of 40.

Born February 13, 1961, in Detroit, Michigan, the graduate of Romulus High School (Romulus, MI) had lived in Tyler for the past 20 years. He was employed as a carpenter and was a Christian of the Baptist faith.

Edward is survived by his daughter, Lyndsey Renee Fabinski (Cherokee County, TX); his father, Mitchell Fabinski Sr. (Tyler); six brothers, Mitchell Fabinski

Jr., Keith (Sherri) Fabinski (Whitehouse, TX), Kenneth Fabinski (Chandler, TX), Brian (Barbara) Fabinski (Romulus), Darryl (Cynthia) Fabinski (Belleville, MI), and Carl (Diane) Fabinski (Commerce Township, MI); and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Landmark Baptist Church (TX) on Monday, June 18.

Contributions may be sent to the family at 36857 Perry Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Jayme M. Landreville

Jayme M. Landreville of New Boston, Michigan, died on Tuesday, June 12, 2001. She was 42 years old.

The Northwest Airlines reservations clerk was born in Wayne, Michigan, on November 14, 1958.

Jayme was the beloved wife of Mitchell K. Landreville; dear mother of Rachel Ellen Landreville; daughter of Arthella (Swim) Stoner (New Boston) and the late James S. Stoner; daughter-in-law of R. Keith (Norma) Landreville (Cedarville, MI) and the late Shirley Landreville; sister of Shirley (Phillip) Orth (Lindville, IN), Kathleen (Kevin) Garland (Sterling Heights, MI), and

James (Marcia) Stoner (New Boston); sister-in-law of Renee (Jim) Bruce (OR), Miles Landreville (Allen Park, MI), and Lyle (Judy) Landreville (MN); and the aunt of Jahau Khaksar and Troy Garland; Zachary, Chelsea, and Emily Stoner; Brianna and Aaron Bruce; David, Angela, and Keith Landreville; and Miles, Shannon, and Sonja Landreville.

A funeral service – conducted by Jayme's mother, Arthella – was held on Friday, June 15, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Interment was at Mallet Cemetery (New Boston).

A memorial fund is to be established for Jayme's daughter, Rachel. □

Pearl M. Wilks

Pearl M. Wilks of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, June 14, 2001, at the age of 92.

The native of Boonesboro, Virginia, was born on June 1, 1909.

Among those surviving Pearl were her three sons, Carl (Boots) Mayberry (Lynchburg, VA), Robert (Betty) Wilks (Addison, MI), and Calvin Wilks (Harrisburg, MI); one daughter, Arlene (William) Moyers (Franklin, KY); one daughter-in-law, Estelle Mayberry (Dearborn

Heights, MI); nine grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 18, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.



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